

## SHERIFF SCOTT STEPHENSON

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To: Whom It May Concern Fm: Sheriff Scott Stephenson

Re: Public Safety

In my 25 year career in law enforcement I have seen countless products come into the marketplace to help make facilities and those who occupy them safer. More recently I have taken interest in products and systems that aim to protect those most vulnerable and most targeted this day I age, schools.

Through my work I came across a product called The Boot and saw that not only was this a great product to give us a solution to our increasing problem of school safety, but that it was developed with other members of both law enforcement as well as fire safety and also homeland security. The team behind The Boot took a great idea and combined it with input and feedback from those of us who know the realities of threats and to public safety.

Simply put, I believe The Boot did not stop there; while watching the evolving changes in need for facility safety, they created their SmartBoot System. The SmartBoot System utilizes a Bluetooth low energy network that allows for both visual and audio alerts of lockdown for the entire facility as well as instant notification to law enforcement.

I personally have ushered The SmartBoot System into schools in my jurisdiction because I firmly believe it is the optimal option available to us in keeping our school students and staff safe. Dozens of my fellow law enforcement officers echo my support of The Boot and the The Smartboot System and hope to see it continue to be installed throughout our state.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Scott Stephenson

